UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MUTINTA MICHELO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN TRUST 2007-2, et al.,

Defendants.

CHRISTINA BIFULCO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN TRUST 2007-2, et al.,

Defendants.

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18-CV-1781 (PGG) (BCM)

18-cv-7692 (PGG) (BCM)

ORDER

BARBARA MOSES, United States Magistrate Judge.

The above-captioned actions have been referred to Magistrate Judge Barbara Moses for general pretrial management, including scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). All pretrial motions and applications, including those related to scheduling and discovery (but excluding motions to dismiss or for judgment on the pleadings, for injunctive relief, for summary judgment, or for class certification under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23) must be made to Judge Moses and in compliance with this Court's Individual Practices (and Emergency Practices) in Civil Cases, available on the Court's website at https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-barbara-moses.

The Court has received and reviewed the Trust Defendants' letter dated April 17, 2020 (Dkt. No. 140 in Case No. 18-CV-1781; Dkt. No. 83 in Case No. 18-CV-7692), which seeks a pre-motion conference, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 37.2, and claims that plaintiffs are: (1) "withholding certain categories of documents on the basis of an asserted privilege that does not exist," (2) "refusing to produce a privilege log pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(b)(2) and Local Rule 26.2," (3) refusing "to provide the Trust Defendants with certain information regarding their purported damages in response to several discovery requests," and (4) refusing to "answer several of the interrogatories that were propounded upon them." The Court has also received and reviewed plaintiffs' responding letter dated April 22, 2020 (Dkt. No. 141 in Case No. 18-CV-1781; Dkt. No. 84 in Case No. 18-CV-7692) and the Trust Defendants' reply letter dated April 24, 2020 (Dkt. No. 143 in Case No. 18-CV-1781; Dkt. No. 86 in Case No. 18-CV-7692).

The Trust Defendants' request for a conference is GRANTED. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a telephonic discovery conference before Judge Moses on **May 12, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.** At that time, the parties shall call into the below teleconference:

Call in number: 888-557-8511 Access Code: 7746387

Please treat the teleconference as you would treat a public court appearance. If a conference or hearing in another matter is ongoing, please be silent (mute your line) until your case is called. For other teleconferencing guidelines, the parties should review § 2 of Judge Moses's Emergency Practices.

It is further ORDERED that, no later than May 7, 2020:

- (a) The Trust Defendants shall file a supplemental letter attaching (without additional argument) copies of the discovery request(s) and response(s) now in contention; and
- (b) Plaintiffs shall file a supplemental letter attaching (without additional argument) a privilege log in compliance with Local Civil Rule 26.2. If plaintiffs choose to provide the required information "by group or category," pursuant to Rule 26.2(c), they shall identify, as to each such group or category, the <u>number</u> and the <u>date range</u> of the documents or communications in that group or category. Plaintiffs are reminded that Rule 26.2(c) does not relieve the party asserting privilege of the obligation to provide all of the "substantive information required by this rule," and to do so in a "comprehensible form."

Dated: New York, New York April 30, 2020

SO ORDERED.

BARBARA MOSES United States Magistrate Judge